

Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “Leveraging Technology to Improve Aviation Security.” Testimony was heard from Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S. AND RUSSIA BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled “Engineering Bio-Terror Agents: Lessons from the Offensive U.S. and Russian Biological Weapons Programs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005.

FEDERAL LANDS—MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL USE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a joint hearing entitled “Motorized Recreational Use on Federal Lands.” Testimony was heard from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Ed Shepard, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Small Business Development Centers: New Offerings for a New Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SERVICEMEMBERS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action H.R. 3200, Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005.

USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3199, the USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005.

Joint Meetings

YUKOS AFFAIR

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission met to receive a briefing regarding the political and business implications of the prosecution and imprisonment of Russian Yukos Oil Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

(CEO) Mikhail Khodorkovsky from Peter Roudik, Senior Foreign Law Expert, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Leonid Nevzlin, Tel Aviv, Israel.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitors Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine military justice and detention policy in the global war on terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Treasury’s report to Congress entitled: “Assessment: The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Thomas Weimer, of Colorado, and Mark A. Limbaugh, of Idaho, each to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine the National Park Service’s business strategy for operation and management of the national park system, including development and implementation of business plans, use of business consultants, and incorporating business practices into day-to-day operations, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcus C. Peacock, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator, Susan P. Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, and Granta Y. Nakayama, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Henry Crumpton, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Department of State, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to discuss preparing an effective and immediate public health response in the aftermath of a terrorism attack, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to

hold hearings to examine how prepared the National Capitol Region is for terrorism, focusing on how the National Capitol Region (NCR) is spending its homeland security grant funding, the organizational structures established to provide coordinated security, and if the NCR can be used as a model for security in other regions of the country, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 1:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold joint hearings to examine S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, proposed Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, S. 1326, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 103, to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, S. 1086, to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses, S. 956, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide assured punishment for violent crimes against children, and committee rules for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Philip Terry, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Charles S. Ciccolella, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management/Forest Service National Fire Plan, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Mid-Session Review Budget of the United States Government Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, to continue mark up of H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005, 11:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3204,

State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 3205, To amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety; and H. Res. 220, Recognizing America's Blood Centers and its member organizations for their commitment to providing over half the Nation with a safe and adequate volunteer donor blood supply, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "One Year Later: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Project BioShield," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Secretary's Second-Stage Review: Re-thinking the Department of Homeland Security's Organization and Policy Direction," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "North Korean Nuclear Negotiations: Strategies and Prospects for Success," 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing entitled "Status of Settling Recognized Tribes' Land Claims in the State of New York," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 233, Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act; H.R. 1129, Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2720, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; and H.R. 2875, Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005, 11:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, to mark up H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 230, National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2005; H.R. 527, Vocational and Technical Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2005; H.R. 2981, To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians; and H.R. 3207, Second-Stage Small Business Development Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Cell Phones on Aircraft: Nuisance or Necessity?, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3208, Disaster Relief Equity Act of 2005; and H.R. 2338, Rural Disaster Assistance Fairness Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up the following: H.R. 3200, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005; and a resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans Administration on July 21, 1930, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Welfare and Work Data, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.